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Naples, Novemb. 17.

THe last Letters we received from *Palermo*, gave us an account, that the Cardinal *de Porto Carrero* Viceroy of that Kingdom, was endeavouring all he could to raise a Fond necessary towards the defraying the charges of the War; that in order thereunto, he had set up a certain Tax or Imposition, from whence he proposed to draw a very considerable Sum, but that the people, without having the regard they ought to the present exigencies of affairs, seemed very much dissatisfied at the said Imposition. We hear of late very little of the French; it is said here, with how much truth we know not, that the French Troops in *Sicily* are so weakned, that they do not in all amount to 6000 men, and besides, that the Duke *de Vivonne* begins to have a very great distrust of the Messineses, and for that reason does not think fit to draw his Troops out of that City, in order to the undertaking any design, till he has received supplies of Men from *France*. From *Rome* we understand, that the matter in difference between that Court and the Spanish Ambassador, is not yet determined. The Court of *Spain* it's said approves in part the proceedings of its Ambassador.

Genoua, Decemb. 1. The Dutchess Regent of *Savoy* has, it seems, put *Asti* into the hands of the French, who have put a Garison of 2000 men into it. The Prince *de Ligne*, Governor of *Milan*, has taken the alarum of it, and as we are told, hath sent to the Court of *Savoy*, to know what the intention of that Government is in it. In the mean time his Excellency is not wanting to perform his part to put all things in the best posture he can, and has earnestly sollicited to be supplied in time with what is wanting, that so he may be able to give a good account of things in case the War be brought into the Countreys under his Government, which there be many in these parts that will not yet believe it will.

Venice, Decemb. 3. We have Letters from *Constantinople*, which say, that the Grand Signior was going to *Silcura*, to take the divertisement of Hunting. That the Sultana was upon lying in; that if she was brought to Bed of a Son, it was believed that the Grand Signior would cause his two Brothers (who have hitherto been preserved, for that the Grand Signior had but one Son) to be put to death. The new Spanish Ambassador will make his publick Entry some time the next week.

Copenhagen, Decemb. 11. We are at present pretty quiet here, nor have we any thing to entertain you with either relating to affairs at home or abroad. In *Schonen* the King of *Sueden* has put most of his Troops into Winter-quarters, and is himself gone to *Jenkoping*, to be present in the Assembly of the States, who are met there. We formerly told you that the Sieur *Guldenlieu* Viceroy of *Norway* was expected here this winter, but since we understand that the King has sent him expres orders to remain in *Norway* to take care of his Majesties affairs there.

Berlin, Decemb. 12. Here is in Town a person, who came out of *Stetin* some days since, he reports, that the Besieged were so far from having any thoughts of surrendring the place, that they had entred into a new Engagement to defend it to the utmost, and to endure the last extremity, that no skill or diligence was wanting to raise several Works and Retrenchments, such as might enable them even to defend one part of the Town while the Enemy should be possessed of the other. That the Burghers had lately received a new Charter from the King of *Sueden*, in which he grants them very great Priviledges, and exemption from all Taxes for many years to come. In the mean time his Highness has given orders for several Regiments quartered in the Country of *Cleves* to repair forthwith to the Army to reinforce it. We have advice that the Suedes Army in *Livonia* will march very speedily, their General Count *Horne* being arrived from *Stockholme*.

From the Brandenburg *Camp before* Stetin, *Dec.* 13. We have advanced very little since our last, by the obstinate defence of the Besieged, who the other day sprung three Mines, the two first of which did no great execution, but the third, which was on the side of the Lunenburgs quarter, destroyed between 50 and 60 of them; and the same day the Besieged had the good fortune to discover a Mine, which was ready to play in the said Lunenburgs quarter. On our side his Electoral Highness caused yesterday two Mines to be sprung, which were followed by two Attacks; in the first we were repulsed; in the second we took post and maintained it. We are preparing two or three Batteries on that part of the Bullwork which we are Masters of, as well as on the Lunenburgs side, which when finished, will do great execution. In the mean time we hear not of any intention of making a general Assault, our Generals looking upon it a too hazardous, considering the desperate humor the Besieged are in, and even the success would be attended with so much blood and slaughter as gives his Electoral Highness an aversion to the thoughts of it. In the mean time he has sent orders to those Troops which are quartered in his Country of *Cleves* to repair forthwith hither; and, it's believed they will be sent towards *Prussia* so soon as we hear any thing of certainty concerning the march of the Suedes in *Livonia*. By the last Letters from those parts we had an account, that Count *Bent Horne*, appointed to command that Army, was arrived there from *Sueden*. We do not reckon the Suedes to be above 10 or 12000 strong, though they speak of 16000.

Hamburg, Decemb. 17. We cannot tell you any thing new since our last concerning *Stetin*, things remaining there much in the same posture. Here be some people in Town, who came from thence about the latter end of the last month, who tell us, That the Burghers had by a solemn Covenant engaged themselves anew, to defend the place to the last; amongst others, here is one person, who was at *Candia* during that famous Siege, who assures us, that the Works made by the Besieged within the Town, their Mines, *&c.* do not come